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Rehtaeh Parsons' father, Glen Canning, and his wife, Krista, speak to reporters in the foyer of the House of Commons on Parliament Hill on Tuesday. SEAN KIRKPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family, Dexter push for change to Criminal Code

Rehtaeh Parsons.

Father convinced PM cares about case, says meeting was 'heartfelt'

The Nova Scotia government is suggesting a maximum of 10 years behind bars for those convicted of transmitting intimate images without consent.

Premier Darrell Dexter joined the family of Rehtaeh Parsons in Ottawa Tuesday to push for changes to the Criminal Code that would make transmitting intimate images without consent a crime.

That's up to the federal government, as are any penalties associated with the crime. But the province is suggesting a minimum of one year to a maximum of 10 years in jail for an indictable offence, according to the premier's office.

Takes a village

"Somehow, as a society we have to deal with this."

Premier Darrell Dexter

Dexter met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to discuss the matter on Tuesday.

"The prime minister, I think, sees this issue in very much the same way I do, and there is a need for reform for some of the activities that are now simply unregulated and, quite frankly, harmful," Dexter told reporters in Ottawa. "They need to attract the appropriate sanctions."

Rehtaeh's father, Glen Canning, said a private meeting between Harper and the family was "heartfelt." Canning was not sure what the federal government can or will do, but was convinced that Harper cared

about his daughter's case.

Canning said the family's frustration was very clearly expressed in the meeting.


"I'm looking for someone who posts a picture of someone with the intention of completely destroying their life to be held accountable for doing that," said Canning. "And right now they just weren't. And that's frustrating."


Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the federal government would do its part in protecting victims' rights, but did not discuss specific measures.

Nicholson, who also met with the family, said that changes to the Criminal Code would be separate from victims'-rights legislation. "Nonetheless," he said, "we want to have one document that victims can look to to ensure that their rights are being protected and know what remedies (are) available to them." **ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO**

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Students share bullying ordeals with Halifax elementary kids

Getting the message out. High-schoolers want youngsters to learn early that bullying is wrong

CLARK JANG

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Bailley Fraser has been a victim of bullying.

"I met a girl who found joy in my pain. To her, I was no more valuable than the dirt underneath her shoes," she said to an auditorium filled with Grade 4 to 6 students in Halifax.

Fraser, a Grade 11 student,



Rehtaeh Parsons FACEBOOK

was one of four HRM high-schoolers who shared their experiences with students at Westmount Elementary School on Tuesday afternoon.

In the wake of a number of bullying-related deaths, including those of Rehtaeh Parsons of Cole Harbour and B.C. teenager Amanda Todd,

Putting an end to abuse

"If we can teach our children to be loving individuals and care about other human beings, maybe we can stop the cycle."

Juliana Boyd, a parent at Tuesday's presentation

students and educators alike want to spread the message that bullying is wrong.

"My bully didn't think she was a bully," Fraser told reporters before the hour-long presentation. "When my parents went down to the school and said, 'This is what's happening to my daughter,' they said, 'That can't be, your daughter isn't the stereotypical victim.'"

Fraser and her peers want

to quash the stereotypes of bullying and show students that the bystanders can be just as hurtful as the bullies.

"When I was in junior high, I could have stood up for so many people," said Bianca Toulany, another student presenter. "I didn't want to be on the bullying side and get bullied myself. But if one person stands up, other people are going to follow."

The young people presented an anti-bullying video, fielded questions from students and made an email for students and teachers to send them messages if they have problems with bullying.

Juliana Boyd, a parent who attended on Tuesday, thought the presentation was important to let kids know their actions and inaction, both physical and online, can have a profound effect.

"Kids are faced with bigger challenges they maybe aren't emotionally or intellectually equipped to deal with," she said.

"If all the bystanders stopped standing by, we could probably put an end to a lot of this."

Few leads after suspicious briefcase found

Halifax police say they have more questions than answers regarding a suspicious briefcase found at a downtown Halifax bus stop on Tuesday.

Police blocked off a section of Barrington between Morris and Halifax streets after the unattended briefcase was found at about 10:50 a.m.

A man, police say, called 911 from a pay phone at Barrington and South streets and told the responder about the package, which was later deemed to be safe.

"We got very limited information from the 911 caller," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages. "We can't determine if he's a person of interest who might have put the package there. There's a lot of questions to be answered in the

A rash of calls

- This is the third call about a suspicious package or bag in the past month. All of them turned out to be safe. The other two incidents happened at the Halifax Shipyard.

next few days."

Police evacuated some businesses and a bomb robot was on scene. At about 12:30 p.m., after determining that the briefcase contained concrete blocks, police gave the all clear and traffic was allowed to resume.

"We can't take a chance," Bourdages said. "Once we have a call ... we have to treat it that it's an actual dangerous package." PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO



A police officer investigates a report of a suspicious package on Barrington Street on Tuesday. HALEY RYAN/METRO

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MIC MAC MALL

Regional council approves grants. Councillors want more money given to Halifax events

The grants for HRM's most popular events were approved in regional council on Tuesday, but a few councillors would like to see more funding go toward the Buskers, Nocturne and Halifax Comedy Fest.

Coun. Brad Johns asked council to approve of the 2013-14 funding for hall-mark and other events recommended by the special events advisory committee, including \$50,000 for the Halifax International Buskers Festival.

"Can we help the Buskers out a little bit more?" Coun. Stephen Adams said during Tuesday's meeting, tabling a motion that the events committee look at the numbers again and add \$25,000 to the grant.

Christopher White, chair of the Buskers Festival Society, attended the meeting and said it was "quite positive" to hear Adams' request.

White said earlier in the year the festival realized they were in financial trouble because some vendor locations

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"At least they're going to have another look at our event."

Christopher White, chair of Buskers Festival Society

wouldn't be available.

"Twenty-five thousand dollars may not seem like a lot of money, but when you're talking about a free, ungated event, it could probably make the difference," White said.

Coun. Darren Fisher was also concerned the grant to Halifax Comedy Fest wasn't enough.

"I just see that as a signature event," Fisher said. "Eighteen years is a pretty major event that really sells our city and makes us look brilliant."

Coun. Wayne Mason moved that the committee increase the grants to the Comedy Fest, Nocturne and Epic Dartmouth.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Committee to table its proposal on April 30. HRM staff to present operating, project budgets

Municipal staff are presenting the proposed 2013-14 operating and project budgets on Wednesday to the audit and finance committee.

Richard Butts, chief administrative officer, and chief financial officer Greg Keefe will present the recommendations to the committee.

Audit and finance will

Online

The report will be available online for the public at halifax.ca/budget at 9:30 a.m.

then table a proposed budget at regional council on April 30.

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Demonstrators gather outside Halifax city hall on Tuesday afternoon to protest the potential removal of stabilization facilities from the Otter Lake landfill.

EMILY KITAGAWA/FOR METRO

Waste strategy brings debate and protest into council

Otter Lake.

Public consultation to move forward



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If Halifax regional council allows stabilization facilities at the Otter Lake landfill to close, they will be breaking a promise to HRM citizens, a spokesman for a community-monitoring committee said on Tuesday at city hall.

More than 100 people crowded into regional council chambers and an overflow room to hear a heated debate on whether changes to the Otter Lake landfill will go to

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"I'm willing to have the process go forward, because I think everything needs to be on the table."

Coun. Brad Johns

public consultation.

"If they are closed, who will trust HRM's word going forward?" said Ken Donnelly, representative of the community-monitoring committee.

Donnelly said HRM made a promise to the people of Otter Lake and surrounding areas that a landfill would operate only with a front-end processor (FEP) facility and a waste stabilization facility (WSF).

The motion, submitted by Coun. Barry Dalrymple and

the environment and sustainability committee, recommended council approve the public-consultation process around the options outlined in the Stantec report.

The report suggested the FEP and WSF be closed and the life of the landfill extended through vertical expansion.

"I will not be supporting this motion because it poisons the whole public consultation," said Coun. Reg Rankin.

Heather Britton and Jean-

ette Chisholm were among the protesters outside city hall on Tuesday calling attention to the waste issue.

"To try to save money at the expense of the environment I think is a big concern for a lot of people," said Britton, who used to work at the sorting facility and said it's "really amazing."

Chisholm said she's worried about what will happen when no one is there to monitor what goes into the landfill.

The motion was passed, and the consultation will take up to eight to 12 weeks and include town hall-style meetings, online forums and surveys of public opinion plus stakeholder meetings.



Mayor Mike Savage and Coun. Jennifer Watts check out a solar-powered water heater at a home in Dartmouth on Tuesday.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

Homeowners says Solar City program saving them money

Official opening

Mayor Mike Savage and Nova Scotia Energy Minister Charlie Parker were among those present for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

On a cold Tuesday morning, June and Ron Josey opened up their Dartmouth home to host the official opening of HRM's Solar City program.

Their house was the first to participate in the program, which installs solar-powered water-heating systems.

HRM has partnered with a local supplier of solar systems, Thermo Dynamics, to provide solar energy to as many as

1,000 homeowners within the next 18 months. Should the project prove successful, the doors will be open for additional homeowners to register.

June Josey said the installation happened in March and took one day.

"They were very efficient and very fast and it went well," she said.

She said the solar panels were installed on the roof and

pipes were sent through the attic to the basement where a new tank was installed.

Similar to a hybrid car, the original oil-fuelled hot-water tank is still in place and kicks in on days when there isn't enough solar energy or when the solar panels are covered in snow.

The homeowners can monitor on their computer how the system is doing in terms of energy and temperature.

"I call Ron a solar stocker because he quite often checks

to see how much energy it's saving," said June.

Pointing at the monitoring system, Ron said his water is even hotter than before, and he's already saved \$27 on oil in one month.

"We probably burn(ed) a half a tank of oil each year just on hot water so that'll be less. It makes a huge difference," he said.

EMILY KITAGAWA/FOR METRO

New golf course unveiled

Timberlea. Attraction will be competitively priced for public use, developer says

Golfers in HRM are soon going to have a new 18-hole course to swing away at.

Award-winning golf course architect Tom McBroom unveiled his design for The Links at Brunello on Tuesday, a 250-acre, 7,100-yard, par-72 golf course in Timberlea.

McBroom and Brunello Estates Inc., the company that owns the course, hope to have the \$14-million attraction running by June 2015.

"There's lots of trees, wetlands, ponds and lakes," McBroom said. "It's a quintessential Nova Scotia landscape. It's a picture-perfect setting for golf."

McBroom says making the course challenging was no obstacle, because it's going to be inherently difficult.

"I want golfers to have the sense that the course is playable, fair and fun," he said.

McBroom says the sheer size of The Links sets it apart from other courses in the region.

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"We're trying to create a lifestyle, and we're trying to use the golf course as a focus point."

Rob Dexter, Brunello Estates Inc.

"It's dramatic. You get a lot of big views, elevated tees," he said. "It has a sense of grandeur around it."

But a sense of grandeur shouldn't dissuade casual golfers from taking a swing at the course. Rob Dexter, president of Brunello Estates Inc., says The Links will be open to the public.

"To make this work, it has to appeal to the greater Halifax area," he said. "I think the big appeal will be to someone who wants to play five, 10, 15, 20 times."

Dexter says the course will be the pièce de résistance of the newly constructed Brunello Estates community, but it's only a portion of the bigger picture.

"We're trying to create a lifestyle, and we're trying to use the golf course as a focus point," he said. "People love the vistas and the green space."

CLARK JANG/FOR METRO



Golf course designer Tom McBroom looks over a scale model of Brunello Estates, which is slated to open in Timberlea in 2015. EMILY KITAGAWA/FOR METRO

Butt bringing laughs to Halifax Comedy Fest



Brent Butt CONTRIBUTED

Chuckles, giggles and chance hysterical laughter are in the forecast this week at Halifax Comedy Fest.

Among the comedians taking the stage for the annual event is Brent Butt, best known for his TV series Corner Gas.

Butt has been a standup comedian for 25 years, and he's a return participant in the Halifax festival. He says

he's "bringing material that (he's) confident in" and not tailoring it to the Haligonian crowd.

"I think in Canada we try our best to make a big deal out of our regionality ... but in all my travels, honestly, I can find a bigger difference between two crowds in the same town on the same night ... than if I do a show in Victoria ... and a show in

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St John's," said Butt, who is performing on Friday night at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

He also cautions against poking fun at our differences.

"People are 99.999 per cent the same, and as a result of that we really try to make a big deal out of our differences, and that's good and bad. It's understandable but it also leads to a lot of problems where there don't need to be any."

He also says the styles, delivery and sensibilities among Canadian comedians vary so greatly that "there

isn't a Canadian sense of humour."

Butt says a joke only becomes Canadian if it's a joke about Canada — like "taking a puck in the teeth while you're drinking Tim Hortons."

Halifax Comedy Fest runs from Wednesday through Saturday at various locations in the city.

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Crime

Man charged in 2012 bank heist

A Hammonds Plains man is facing robbery charges in a bank heist last year after turning himself in to police on Monday.

Luggard Nash Gordon, 38, was arrested on Monday at police headquarters, nearly one year after a man entered the CIBC on the Bedford Highway and al-

legedly demanded cash.

On April 28, police say a man entered the bank and ordered everyone to the floor. Witnesses said they did not see a gun but believed he had one by the way he was holding his hands.

Officers had been conducting a "lengthy and complex investigation" when Gordon turned himself in, a Halifax Regional Police release states.

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Downtown

Truck fire puts brief halt to traffic

A vehicle fire closed down traffic on a busy downtown Halifax street on Tuesday morning.

Flames were shooting out of a red truck that sat parked in the middle of the intersection at Barrington and Prince streets at about 9 a.m.

Police say no one was in-



A truck on fire in Halifax Tuesday.

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jured and firefighters were able to put out the blaze quickly.

The vehicle was removed a short time later and traffic began to move normally again. METRO

Dartmouth

Five suffer injuries in two-vehicle collision

Halifax police say five people were injured, including two children, in a two-vehicle crash in Dartmouth on Tuesday.

At 11:17 a.m., police say a Ford Ranger travelling southbound on Waverley Road crossed the centre line

and collided head-on with a Hyundai Santa Fe.

Two adults and two children, 3 and 9, inside the Santa Fe suffered minor injuries.

The 16-year-old driver of the Ford Ranger suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

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Alleged pimping victim

Teen in tears after lawyer's barbed comments at trial

A teen girl allegedly pimped out by two others was taking a walk on the wild side when she met two johns and got in too deep, a defence lawyer charged on Tuesday before the girl began to sob on the witness stand.

"Word got out on the street

that (Accused 1) and (Accused 2) were spending time with men, being escorts and getting paid for it," said attorney Ken Hall, as he suggested what happened the night of May 18, 2012, when the 17-year-old girl says she was sexually exploited.

"The turning point was when Man 2 brought the white lines out," said Hall, referring to the second alleged john the girl encountered and her testimony that he had white lines of powder

on a table in his apartment. "That's when the whole house of cards came crashing down. That scared you?"

The teen indicated she was scared of him already, since he was more than twice her age and she suspected the white powder was cocaine.

The accused girls are among three teens police say pimped out six teen girls between May 18 and June 3, 2012. They face charges including human trafficking.

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO IN OTTAWA

Korean War

Vets honoured during anniversary of armistice

There doesn't seem to be any other place in the world where perpetual enemies stare at each other in plain sight, with their feet firmly cemented to the ground and rock-hard fists at the ready.

The Korean War still hasn't officially ended even

after North and South Korea agreed to a ceasefire nearly 60 years ago. So what's stopping soldiers on either side from jumping at each other's throats?

"Not much," says Korean War veteran Frank Bayne. The former second lieutenant from Guelph visited the DMZ with 35 other Canadian veterans on Tuesday as part of a commemorative trip organized by Veterans Affairs Canada to mark the 60th anniversary of the armistice.

Honouring our heroes

Dozens of young military personnel at Sang-Seung Observation Point in South Korea greeted the Canadian delegation with open arms at a briefing, which concluded with a moving video expressing their gratitude to Canadian forces.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN SEOUL

Province votes against review of erroneous deficit figure

Budget. NDP MLA for Halifax Atlantic breaks ranks

The NDP government defeated a Liberal motion on Tuesday to send former finance minister Graham Steele's handling of an erroneous deficit figure in last spring's budget to an internal committee of the legislature.

The legislature voted against the Opposition motion by a recorded vote of 25-21, although New Democrat Michele Raymond broke ranks and voted with the opposition parties.

Raymond, who isn't reoffering in the riding of Halifax Atlantic, told the legislature she believes the house should allow an internal affairs committee to look into what happened.

"We must, for the integrity of the house, consider

Accusation

In a report released in February, auditor general Jacques Lapointe said the government delivered a deficit forecast in its 2012-13 budget of \$211 million when it was aware the actual figure was \$238 million.

this matter within the house first," she said.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the vote was an indication the government wanted the issue to go away.

"It simply is the government using its majority to prevent Nova Scotians from actually getting a clearer indication of what the former finance minister did," McNeil said.

Deputy Premier Frank Corbett said Raymond will not be disciplined, adding that as far

as he is concerned, the matter is settled.

"(Steele) has told you clearly that he never intended in any way, shape or form to mislead the house," Corbett said.

Steele, who wasn't present for the vote, has dismissed allegations he misled the legislature when he delivered a budget last year that overstated revenue estimates by \$27 million. He said he presented budget estimates that were established before a cutoff date of March 1, 2012.

The vote on the motion came after Speaker Gordie Gosse ruled in response to a March 27 point of privilege raised by McNeil, saying he had a "technically arguable case" that could be considered by a legislature committee.

Gosse said his decision was in no way a suggestion that Steele had deliberately misled the house.

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Former finance minister Graham Steele METRO FILE

Feed Nova Scotia exec retiring



Dianne Swinemar METRO FILE

After 25 years on the job, Feed Nova Scotia executive director Dianne Swinemar has announced she is retiring from her position next year.

She will step down in June 2014.

"It's still a long way off, but I wanted to make sure the board of directors had the time they need to prepare," Swinemar said in a release on Tuesday.

She said the decision was not made lightly.

"I believe that every life has a purpose in this world, and that I was placed here

for a reason.... I truly believe that now is my time to transition to that next phase of life."

Rebecca Saturley, chair of Feed Nova Scotia's board of directors, said Swinemar has "poured her heart and soul" into the organization.

"Finding someone with that same passion and commitment will be an impossible feat," Saturley said.

Swinemar said it will remain business as usual at Feed Nova Scotia leading up to her retirement.

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Protecting students

Legislation to help regulate language schools

Nova Scotia wants to clamp down on language schools that don't live up to their billing.

Advanced Education Minister Frank Corbett introduced legislation that would require language schools to offer a certain quality of education and protect the money students have spent for classes if a school closes.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Failing to yield. Drivers charged after pair hit in marked crosswalks

Halifax police are reminding drivers to slow down and pay attention after two pedestrians were struck by vehicles in marked crosswalks on Tuesday.

The first incident happened just after 11:30 a.m. at the intersection of Hartlen and Main streets in Dartmouth. The victim, 57, was crossing Main Street when he was hit by a vehicle turning onto Hartlen. He suffered

minor injuries.

The driver, a 52-year-old woman, has been charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

About an hour later, police say a 27-year-old man crossing in a crosswalk at Dutch Village Road and Deal Street was hit. The man suffered minor injuries with an 85-year-old woman charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. METRO

Men deny VIA Rail terrorist plot; 'Let police do their job,' dad says

Al-Qaida in Iran to blame? Two charged over alleged plan to hit passenger train appear in court

Two men charged in an alleged al-Qaida-supported terror plot to attack a VIA Rail passenger train disputed the allegations against them Tuesday as they made their first appearances in court.

Raed Jaser, 35, and Chiheb Esseghaier, 30, are facing several terrorism charges each in what the RCMP is calling the first known alleged plot in Canada directed by the terrorist organization.

Esseghaier, who appeared in court in Montreal, stood calmly in the witness box and asked to address the court.

"The conclusions were made based on acts and words which are only appearances," he said.

The judge, Pierre Labelle,



Talk about a media scrum! John Norris, Raed Jaser's lawyer, is surrounded by microphones and cameras at a Toronto courthouse on Tuesday. Jaser is seen in a court sketch at bottom right. Co-accused Chiheb Esseghaier, top right, attended court in Montreal. Both are charged in what the RCMP says is the first alleged al-Qaida plot in Canada. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE (LEFT) AND THE CANADIAN PRESS



explained it wasn't the right venue for his remarks.

Both Esseghaier and Jaser are charged with conspiracy to murder for the benefit of a terrorist group, participat-

ing in a terrorist group and conspiring to interfere with transportation facilities for the benefit of a terrorist group. Esseghaier faces an additional count of partici-

pating in a terrorist group.

If convicted, they could be sentenced to life in prison.

Several family members attended Jaser's brief Toronto court appearance.

"Of course I am supporting my son, of course," said his father, Mohammed Jaser, as about two dozen journalists surrounded him. "Let the police do their job."

Jaser and Esseghaier were charged Monday in an alleged plot that the RCMP said involved "direction and guidance" from al-Qaida in Iran.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Public eye. PM's wife has no tips for Sophie— she'll take lessons from her ...

Laureen Harper has no tips for the Trudeaus about raising a young family in the public eye.

In fact, Harper says, she could probably take lessons from newly elected Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's wife, Sophie.

"I wouldn't give her any advice, they are more public," Laureen Harper said in a recent interview at 24 Sussex Drive.

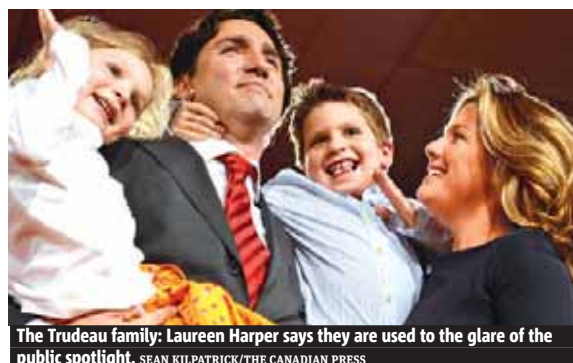
"She would walk down the

street and people know her. I walk down the street and nobody would know me."

Sophie Trudeau is a former model and television host, well-known in Quebec if not in the rest of the country.

Justin Trudeau, of course, has been in the public spotlight since the day he was born — his father, Pierre Trudeau, was the loved-and-loathed Canadian prime minister at the time.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Trudeau family: Laureen Harper says they are used to the glare of the public spotlight. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boston bombing. Jihad websites held a deadly allure for both suspects

The dead Boston bombing suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, was an ardent reader of jihadist websites and extremist propaganda, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

And evidence suggests he and his wounded brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, were both motivated by an anti-American, radical version of Islam, the officials said.

Officials said Tamerlan, 26, frequently looked at extremist sites, including Inspire magazine, an English-language online publication produced by al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate. The magazine has endorsed lone-wolf terror attacks.

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Dzhokhar — suffering from a gunshot wound to the throat — was questioned in hospital by investigators, who let him write down his replies.

Dzhokhar has been charged with using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction.

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Faraway tears



U.S. investigators travelled to southern Russia on Tuesday to talk to the parents of the Boston bomb suspects.

- **Mother.** The suspects' mother, Zubeidat Tsarnaeva (above), appeared outside her home for the first time since the furor.
- **Sadness.** She is in "very bad shape" and cries as she watches video of her dead son, said rights activist Heda Saratova.

The Associated Press

Hackers hit U.S. news giant, claim Obama injured

Hackers compromised Twitter accounts of The Associated Press on Tuesday, sending out a false tweet about an attack at the White House.

It said there had been two explosions and Barack Obama was injured.

AP spokesperson Paul Colford said the news co-operative is working with Twitter to investigate the issue. The AP has disabled its other Twitter accounts following the attack, Colford added.

The Syrian Electronic Army claimed responsibility for the hack. This couldn't be corroborated. The FBI has opened an investigation into the incident, spokesperson Jenny Shearer said. She declined to elaborate.

The SEA has taken credit for a string of web attacks on media targets it sees as sympathetic to Syria's rebels.

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Queen's Park idea

All aboard ... for security checks on trains?

The Ontario government wants to talk with its federal counterparts about beefing up security on passenger trains after the arrest of two men accused of planning to attack a VIA Rail train.

Attorney General John Gerretsen says airport security has received the lion's share of attention, but he thinks it may be time to change that.

Gerretsen wants federal and provincial security experts to look at the possibility of airport-style checks for passenger trains and other forms of public transport. He admits checking passengers' bags before they board trains is a possibility.

Gerretsen also says he was very pleased with the working relationships between the Ontario Provincial Police, RCMP and U.S. law enforcement agencies in the latest arrests.

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Foreign workers program is meant for high-skilled jobs, Carney says

Last hurrah. At his final appearance before the finance committee, BoC governor tackles variety of sensitive subjects

Bank of Canada governor Mark

Carney says the controversial temporary foreign workers program should not be used to drive wages down or to fill lower-skilled jobs.

Speaking to the Commons finance committee for the last time before his departure for London in June, Carney said the intent of the program is that it

be used primarily to fill needs for high-skilled jobs temporarily, until businesses can train Canadians to take over.

In a two-hour appearance on Tuesday, Carney used the occasion to touch on a number of politically sensitive subjects, including the government's move to increase tariffs on im-

ports from 72 countries, the labour market, the Canada-U.S. price gap and the contentious foreign-workers program.

The challenge of a skills shortage is not unique to Canada, Carney said, but the solution is training — not bringing in temporary foreign workers.

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Mark Carney at a finance committee hearing on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Loyalty program

Outgoing CEO says Rogers needs to 'significantly' up customer service

Rogers Communications says it plans to launch a loyalty-rewards program this year, as part of a bid to improve its relationship with customers.

Outgoing CEO Nadir Mohamed said Tuesday the wireless, cable and media company needs to improve its customer service "significantly."

We "will actually further

work to reinforce this idea that we value our customers (and) we reward our customers for staying with us," he told reporters in Toronto, before the company's annual meeting.

Some longtime customers have turned to the customer-service department to request discounts on their payments. They want the company to demonstrate that the company "values their tenure," he said.

While details of the rewards program weren't revealed, a broad range of the company's services will be recognized in the program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forecast. Canada Post could have billion-dollar losses by 2020, report says

A think-tank commissioned by Canada Post is warning that the Crown corporation will be losing \$1 billion a year by the end of this decade.

The Conference Board of Canada says the postal service is being hit by a dramatic reduction in volumes in the age of digital communication.

It estimates that the volume of bills, invoices, advertising and publications handled by Canada Post will decline by more than 25 per cent by 2020.

The volume of parcel delivery is expected to buck the trend and grow by 26 per cent due to online shopping, but the Conference Board says it won't be enough to offset the revenue lost in other areas.

The report estimates \$576



New stamps commemorating classic Canadian rock bands including The Tragically Hip, Rush, The Guess Who and Beau Dommage will be available July 19. CANADA POST/THE CANADIAN PRESS

million a year could be saved by the elimination of door-to-door delivery for urban homes that get it — about one-third of Canada's households.

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It's like that Eagles anthem, Hotel California. "You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave."

So it's a one-way ticket to the Red Planet.

I don't know about you, but I've always wanted to go to Mars. I'm just not sure I want to be stuck there.

At first blush, it sounds romantic, but sometime



JUST SAYIN'

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around year four, you might want to order in pizza or hit the clubs, and whaddaya know? No pizza parlours. No clubs.

Just more of that astronaut food that tastes like Tang and dog biscuits.

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all the nutbars applying for the nutbar job, plus you've got the \$33 registration fee. Deadline is Aug. 31, 2013.

Before you sign up, you should know that the average temperature on Mars is -55 C.

That will give applicants from Siberia and Canada the inside track. If you're from Novosibirsk or Winnipeg, it will feel just like home.

Other than thicker-than-normal heads or blood, applicants require no special skills, as they will spend seven years training and getting ready.

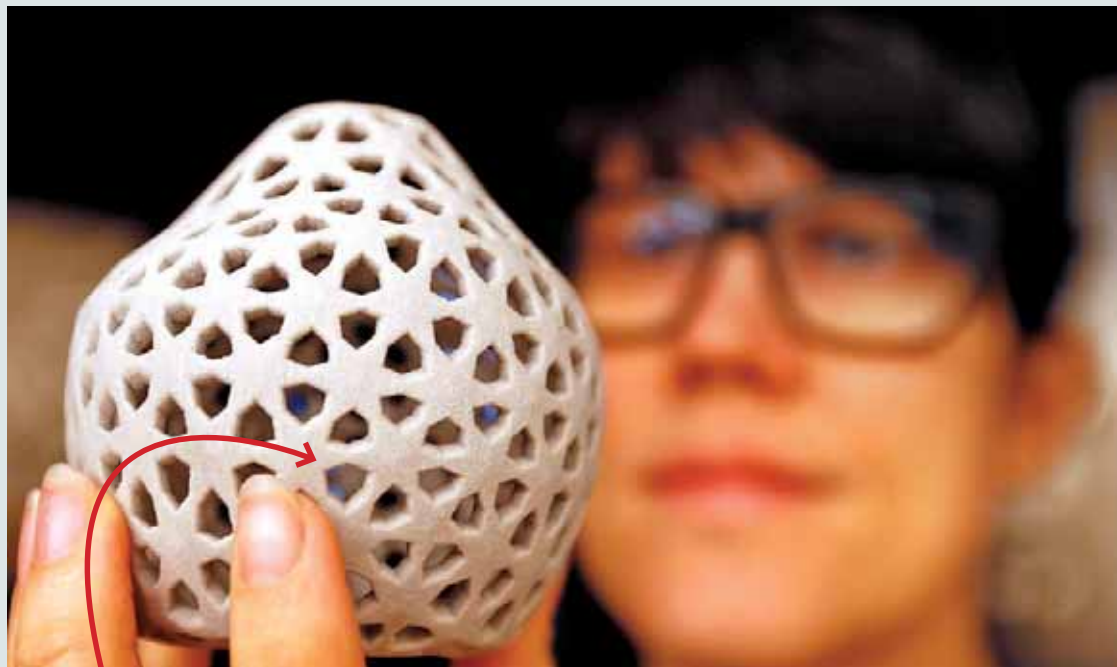
So, as you'd expect, the gallery of geeks featured on the Mars One website are all cut from the same cloth: basement dwellers with bad facial hair. And that includes the women, with the clear exception of Ilona, 23, from Finland. You could almost imagine spending the next 63 years in a hermetically sealed bin with Ilona, who says she wants to devote herself to the good of mankind and enjoys the humour that comes from well-crafted subtlety.

Such as the prospect of being stuck on Mars with Jason, 24, from the U.S., who has an associate degree in welding and aspires to a bachelor's degree in welding engineering, for the rest of her life.

Somehow I think all this is going to end in tears. Too bad that on Mars, no one can hear you scream.

ZOOM

Would you like insects with that?



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tastes like chicken

Designer Penelope Kupfer displays a biscuit made from insect flour at the Wellcome Collection in London, England, on Tuesday.

The exhibition of illuminated, room-high insect traps, dramatic light projections of creepy crawlies and 3D printing of food made from bugs is a

new installation called Insects au Gratin which explores the benefits of eating bugs, as part of a new series called Who's the Pest? organized with Festival — the cultural organization dedicated to our relationship with insects and the natural world.

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Slimy yet satisfying

Have you ever imagined yourself on Fear Factor, eating bugs? The exhibit aims to expand our invertebrate consumption by suggesting that entomophagy (eating insects) is a sustainable solution to an

impending food crisis.

Apparently, insects can be nutritious: four grasshoppers provide the same amount of calcium as a glass of milk. And, by weight, dung beetles have more protein than beef.

The installation, which runs through May 5, allows guests to draw the shape of their food and experiment with 3D printing. **METRO**

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If you haven't already experienced the amazingly awkward Experience Regina tourism video with its still shots of high school graduation, the 'snax' bar and a bikini-clad Prairie babe, check it out on YouTube. In light of the Queen City video's fresh press (though the video is from 2008) we've dug up more tourism fails (or works of genius) from the video-sharing site.



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Woody Goomsba visits Leavenworth, WA:

"Shouting out to the centre of the state" certainly is done best to rap music with kilt-wearing ladies grinding a wooden mascot named Woody Goomsba while Mrs. Goomsba looks on angrily.

boys and retired tourists — and also, a lot of people wearing florescent crop tops. Can you find dancer Karen Campbell?

Vancouver Tourism with Karen Campbell:

According to Vancouver Tourism's ancient video, Vancouver is the 'simply spectacular' land of mermaids, cow-

Pattaya Country: OK, maybe not 'everybody' is dancing, but certainly this young Thai boy is getting his groove on in Pattaya, Thailand. But it seems like there's only enough for one dancer in this South Asian destination — as he steps back from provincial lines, his moves seem to go with him.

Comments

RE: How The World Will Change In 2043: We'll Turn Into Bots And Upload Our Memory, published April 22

I think those futurists are a bit looney and need to be taken back to the lunatic asylum for their meds. I'm sorry I might work in IT but I prefer keeping the hardware outside of my flesh. Uploading our memories to the Internet in a cloud-based system would be a bad idea. Would you want a hacker to be able to hack into your brain directly? As for people switching limbs out for

robotic limbs, I don't see that happening. If I hold hands with a girl I want it to be her physical hand not a metal plastic monstrosity unless she was in some sort of accident.

Taggart Romkey posted to metronews.ca

"Progeny of the oblivious"? Sorry but the future children you talk about won't be oblivious to their world just because their parents are. Look at the current youth generation difference and their parents which you also comment on. The apple does fall far from the tree, and then rolls off in another direction.

DaleWale posted to metronews.ca

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Interview

The American dream, plus a lap dance or two

If anyone is living the American dream, it's Bar Paly. In the last few years, the Israeli actress and model has been landing increasingly bigger roles in TV and film, including parts in *How I Met Your Mother* and *The Starter Wife*, and in the film *A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III*.

So it seems fitting that her biggest project to date is a dark riff on the American dream. *Pain & Gain* is a true crime story about a group of bodybuilders (dubbed the Sun Gym Gang) doing bad things in mid 1990s Miami.

In the film, Paly plays a stripper with big ambitions of becoming a Hollywood star, and she admits it was intimidating walking onto a set with a list of big names.

"It was so overwhelming," she says. "And on top of that you have to act against Mark Wahlberg. I was trying to pretend that everything is cool, but inside I was screaming 'I'm reading lines with Wahlberg.'"

"In the first few days he gave me the scenes where I didn't have to actually talk too much, it was more the lap dance and sex scenes," she says, laughing. "It was like, 'Hi, nice to meet you Mark Wahlberg, now here's my hair in your face while I give you a lap dance.'"

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Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton star as a divorced couple in *The Big Wedding*. HANDOUT

Nuptials often turn nasty going down theatre aisles

The Big Wedding. The latest big screen effort is just one in a long line of movies where hilarity and horror dominate the story

Famous quotes

"Don Corleone, I am honoured and grateful that you have invited me to your home on the wedding day of your daughter. And may their first child be a masculine child."

Luca Brasi
In the famous wedding scene in *The Godfather*



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In *The Big Wedding*, a long-divorced couple, played by Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton, pretend to be happily married at their adopted son's wedding for the benefit of his biological mother.

Hijinks ensue, but like all movies with the word "wedding" in the title, audiences don't buy a ticket for the shenanigans. They go to see the ceremony.

Anything that happens before the walk down the aisle is window dressing, the jour-

ney that gets the audience where they really want to be — at the altar.

The famous wedding scene in *The Godfather* — including the much-quoted Luca Brasi line, "Don Corleone, I am honoured and grateful that you have invited me to your home on the wedding day of your daughter. And may their first child be a masculine child," — featured many Staten Island Italian-Americans as extras.

They were invited to the set to enjoy homemade wine, traditional Italian food and enjoy themselves as though it were a real wedding.

Inspiration for the film

Four Weddings and a Funeral came when writer Richard Curtis realized he had been to 72 weddings in 10 years.

The movie, about a confirmed bachelor who discovers love, made an international star of Hugh Grant, who won the role after auditioning with a tape from when he was best man at his brother's wedding.

Both those films, plus others like *Wedding Crashers*, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and *Fiddler on the Roof* feature wonderful wedding scenes. But what about when nuptials turn nasty?

Who could forget Mr. Robinson howling, "You punk!

You crazy punk! I'll kill you!" at the lovesick Benjamin (Dustin Hoffman) in *The Graduate* after he interrupted the wedding of Elaine Robinson (Katharine Ross) to another man? Elaine leaves her intended at the altar, running off with Ben to an uncertain future, creating one of the classic endings in movie history.

In *Runaway Bride* Richard Gere plays a reporter investigating the story of Maggie Carpenter, a serial bride who has had multiple disastrous weddings, leaving three men at the altar. "Always a bride," she says, "never a bridesmaid!"

The biggest bummer wedding in movie history has to be in *Kill Bill Vol. 2*.

"How it happened, who was there, how many got killed and who killed them, changes depending on who's telling the story," says *The Bride* (Uma Thurman). "In actual fact, the massacre didn't happen during a wedding at all. It was a wedding rehearsal."



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Bynes gets her gym membership revoked for smoking pot

Amanda Bynes' outlandish behaviour reportedly got her kicked out of her New York City gym this weekend when she was caught smoking marijuana in the women's locker room, according to RumorFix.

Management at the Planet Fitness location even went so far as to revoke Bynes'

membership.

"Planet Fitness does not allow lunks to work out here, and especially no weed-smokers," a staff member tells the site.

Bynes of course denies the allegations, telling RumorFix, "I don't smoke in the bathroom. I also don't smoke pot, I smoke tobacco."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



I got your nose, Ryan, do you love me now?



THE WORD
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Ryan Lochte is having a hard time finding love.

"I haven't been in a relationship in a year," the Olympian and star of the new reality TV show What Would Ryan Lochte Do? tells the new issue of In Touch.

"Every time I date someone, I end up getting hurt," he said.

The problem, it seems, is that he doesn't know if women are after his giant

brain (this is the man who wore a fake grill on the Olympian podium and coined the catchphrase "Jeah!" so by "giant brain" I might be using slight sarcasm) or for his public persona.

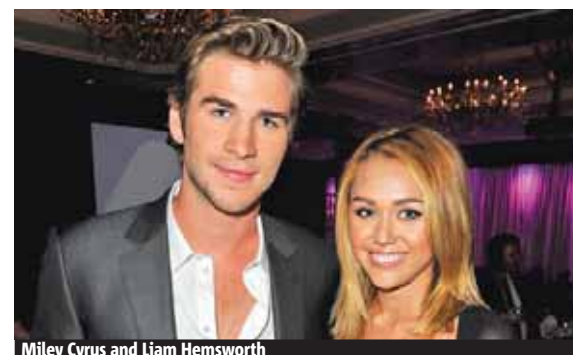
"I don't know if they're just after my fame and money or if they like me for who I really am."

But if he could find someone he really does like, what is he looking for?

"A girl that's fun, classy and sweet who I can have a conversation with," Ryan says.

"If she can make me smile and laugh, I'm sold!"

My advice for his next potential love interest? Pretend to take his nose. He would be so enamored of your magical powers, you'd be unstoppable.



Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth

Can't a girl take off her engagement ring?

Despite indications of trouble between Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, the pair are "still engaged," according to E! News.

"They live together. The wedding is not off," a source says.

"You can't postpone a wedding that never had a date in the first place. Their

plan all along was to wait a couple of years before even thinking about a date."

As for the eyebrows Cyrus has raised by stepping out multiple times without her engagement ring?

"She just doesn't wear it sometimes," the source adds. "People shouldn't read too much into that."

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Canadians truly love loyalty programs. The 2011 Colloquy Loyalty Census revealed 120.7 million loyalty memberships in this country — impressive, given that there are less than 35 million Canadians. Canadian Tire money, a proto-points program conceived by the appropriately named Muriel Billes, has been going strong since 1958.

To what do we owe this loyalty to loyalty? You might argue that Canadians aren't the most rebellious people. You might argue that we love a deal — though many countries have more ferocious bartering cultures than ours. It's probably a bit of both. But what makes loyalty programs most attractive for Canadians is their flexibility.

Choice. Options. Big concepts, expressed in a small, but meaningful way through programs from WestJet, Air Miles, Aeroplan, Shoppers Optimum, PC

Points, and hundreds more from banks, credit card companies and other organizations. Some of these programs let you accumulate points for years, if you wish — saving up for that big-ticket item you have dreamed about. What makes that trip or product so special says a lot about you.

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Your lifestyle, needs, and personal choices inform how you build points,

and how you redeem them.

Aeroplan, for example, allows you to redeem your points not just for plane flights, but other travel-related products and services, such as luggage and car rentals; and even items that have nothing to do with travel, like home furnishings and power tools. You can even donate to charity. While the range of products offered by bookstores, grocery stores or theatres may not be that wide, they are certainly varied enough to suit many tastes.

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BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF A CARD HOLDER



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Since 2008, The Head Shoppe, HS Studio Salonspa and Vitality Medi Spa have offered a loyalty and rewards program called Salon Rewards.

“The way it works is we offer 10 points for every dollar spent on products and services,” says David Lynds, the marketing and promotions manager for Salon Resource Group, the parent company of the three companies.

There is no charge for enrolling in the program and every time a purchase is made and the client’s Salon Rewards card is swiped, the point balance will appear on a client’s receipt.

As people reach certain point tiers, they are able to redeem the points.

For example, 3,500 points equals \$5,

while 25,000 points equals \$50.

“It is the largest loyalty program for salons in Atlantic Canada and perhaps Canada,” Lynds says.

One of the benefits of the program is that it applies to purchases on all products and services, including medical cosmetics. At Vitality Medi Spa, there is a doctor on staff who performs these services, such as Botox treatments.

Another benefit is that regardless of whether the points are accumulated from The Head Shoppe, HS Studio Salonspa and Vitality Medi Spa, they can be redeemed at any of these three companies.

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"The program continues to grow and evolve, offering additional value to our guests," Palmer says. "It's not just about loyalty — it's about working to earn your business every day, then rewarding you for being our guest."

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To demonstrate this breadth of choice, Lue-Atkinson points to different initiatives within RBC Rewards.

“Some people want a highly personalized travel service. For those clients, we have a strategic relationship with Carson Wagonlit Travel. Our customers visit one of their store locations or call in and get the full-service approach they’re seeking, redeeming their points at point of sale. Other clients prefer self-service, and for those clients, we have a partnership with Travelocity, a one-stop end-to-end online experience. Customers can book their air travel, car rental, cruises, hotels and more online.”

Today’s rewards programs don’t start and end with travel, however.

“In December 2012, RBC Rewards launched eMall on our website to address the growth of online shopping,” Lue-Atkinson says. “Through this portal on our site, consumers can access more than 250 retailers, including Apple, Hudson’s Bay, Indigo Books & Music, Gap and Old Navy. By using their RBC Rewards credit card to make purchases, clients get one extra point for every dollar they spend above and beyond their regular rewards.

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In the land of Disney, the princess always reigned supreme. However, though Sleeping Beauty's Castle, the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique and those ever-popular princesses may get a lot of the attention, Disneyland and California Adventure offer a pixie dustless world for the guys in your life too — all in time for Father's Day in June.

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Four things for the boys in Disneyland

Cars Land

Route 66 comes to life for plain-old cars and animated Cars lovers alike. California Adventures' newest attraction is set in the world of Radiator Springs, where characters from the animated movie motor down Main Street. Rides include Luigi's Flying Tires, a modern floating-on-air version of bumper cars and Mater's Junkyard Jamboree, where tractors whip and spin you around. The highlight is Radiator Spring Racers, which takes you on a leisurely car ride through a wind-carved setting before drag racing your way to the finish line.

Don't miss: Characters from the animated film regularly park near the Cozy Cone Motel to have their photos taken.



Star Tours

Ask a 30- or 40-something father what his favourite movie was growing up — then ask his son the same question — and the likelihood is they may have the same answer: Star Wars. With Disney taking over control of the series, there may be more themed rides in the future. Until then, Star Tours is still the place in Disneyland to enjoy a ride through the galaxy while using the force to avoid the black-gloved wrath of Darth Vader. The 3D ride takes you on a Starspeeder, cruising at light speed through George Lucas' sci-fi universe.

Don't miss: A Jedi Training Academy takes place daily at the Tomorrowland Terrace, where kids are shown how to use lightsabers.



Pirates of the Caribbean

This is one of the original rides at Disneyland — long before Johnny Depp swaggered his way through the films as Captain Jack Sparrow. And there's a reason why Pirates has always been popular: it's fun. The boat ride starts in the calm Louisiana Bayou but soon takes you deep into the dark world of hidden treasure, sea battles, and the pirate-terrorized town of Puerto Dorado. It may sound scary, but it has a number of light-hearted moments to tame the pirate terror.

Don't miss: Captain Jack Sparrow makes a number of appearances during the ride, so keep your eyes peeled for him.



Pirate's Lair on Tom Sawyer's Island

Located in a man-made lake on the edge of Frontierland, the island is a giant playground for kids of all ages. A river raft ferries you from the main park across to the island, where dirt trails lead you to hidden caves, hilltop forts, wood and rope bridges and pirate's treasures.

Don't miss: Take a boat ride around the island on the Mark Twain, a 1900s paddleboat, or aboard the pirate ship Columbia.



Looking for more Disney vacation ideas? Metro's Elisha Dacey is currently at Disneyworld in Florida with Breakfast Television and Cityline's recent contest winners. Check out her blog at metronews.ca

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Some tips... on tipping



ON THE MOVE
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Many front line staff in the hospitality industry rely on tips to make a living wage. Although I do believe that they should be earned, not expected, it is important to assume the best and factor in the appropriate gratuities when planning your next holiday.

For servers in North American restaurants you should be leaving 15 per cent before tax at a minimum, including cost of drinks. For exceptional service you could bump that up from 18 to 20 per cent. In Europe they often include the tip in the bill, but an additional five to 15 per cent is appreciated. In Australia and New Zealand, just leaving five per cent is acceptable. In the Scandinavian countries and Japan, you are not expected to leave anything.

If you are staying in for



Tipping can be the source of much angst when you're travelling. ISTOCK

some room service, always check the bill to see if a service charge has already been added on. It usually is indicative of a pooled tip, to be divided up by the entire department. If your server was particularly good, you may wish to give something extra but are certainly not obliged to do so.

Hotel room attendants tend to be the forgotten ones of the hospitality world. I like to leave \$2 to \$5 per day on the bed with a note of thanks. If you prefer to give one tip at the end of a longer stay, leave an envelope at the front desk. Note your room and number and dates of stay on the envelope and that you would like it divided among all the staff that serviced your room.

Hotel porters and bellhops should receive \$1 to \$2 per bag and parking valets \$2 to \$5. Tip the valet up front to ensure better service when it's time to leave. Taxi drivers in North America expect a 10 to 15 per cent tip. In Europe, simply round up the fare and in most Asian countries don't worry about it. A concierge often provides the most varied of services, so an appropriate tip could be anywhere between \$2 and \$20 depending on the complexity of your request. I would consider a standard restaurant reservation on the lower end of the scale and securing last minute tickets to a sold out concert on the upper end.



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Lasagna gets an under the sea makeover — shrimp and all



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You can use any combo of fish you like in this creamy lasagna, but I like shrimp for its sweet flavour and firm texture. Don't use a fish that's too delicate or it will fall apart.

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Spray a 13- by 9-inch baking dish with cooking oil.

2. To make seafood mixture, heat the oil in a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Sauté the garlic, bell pepper and leeks for 5 minutes or just until tender.

3. Add the seafood and sauté until the fish is opaque, approximately 3 minutes. Pour off any excess liquid. Set aside.

4. Combine the flour, stock, milk and mustard in a non-

stick saucepan and stir until smooth. Simmer over medium heat until just thickened, approximately 4 minutes, stirring often. Stir in the dill, pepper and the seafood mixture. Remove from the heat.

5. For cheese mix, combine ricotta, 3/4 cup of cheddar, Swiss and Parmesan cheese in a small bowl, mixing well.

6. To assemble, place 3 lasagna noodles in prepared baking dish. Spread 1/3 of seafood mix over top, then 1/2 of cheese mix. Repeat for second layer. Top with remaining 3 lasagna noodles and remaining seafood mix. Sprinkle the remaining 1/4 cup cheddar cheese over the top. Cover with foil and bake approximately 30 minutes, removing the foil for the last 10 minutes of baking time. Allow to rest for 5 minutes before cutting and serving. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**

Ingredients

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2/3 cup diced red or green bell pepper
- 2/3 cup diced leeks or red onion
- 1 lb seafood, cut into small pieces
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup seafood or chicken stock
- 1 1/4 cups 2 % evaporated milk
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill or 1 tbsp dried
- Pinch ground black pepper
- 1 1/4 cups smooth light ricotta
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 9 cooked lasagna noodles

Creamy Seafood Lasagna with Leeks and Bell Peppers



This recipe serves 10. It contains 345 calories and 12 g fat per serving. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Drink of the Week

Thyme and Ginger Sour

An ideal mix of savoury and sour, this drink is perfect for a casual evening in with friends. It's easy to make and looks great, too.

- 2 oz Luksusowa
- 2 oz fresh lime juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup
- 2 oz ginger beer
- fresh thyme to garnish

Shake Luksusowa, lime juice and syrup with ice and pour into a rock glass. Top with ginger beer and garnish with fresh thyme.

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Ingredients

- 1 lb (500 g) grilling steak (rib eye, sirloin) cut into 32 large chunks
- 1 jar (341 mL) VH honey garlic sauce
- 1 lb (500 g) jumbo shrimp (about 16), peeled and deveined
- 1 zucchini, cut into chunks
- 1 cup (250 mL) cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 large red onion, cut into wedges
- Pam Grilling Spray

1. Place steak chunks in large shallow dish. Pour all but 1/3 cup (75 mL) of honey garlic sauce over steak, turning so that meat is well coated. Cover and marinate in refrigerator for at least one hour or for up to 4 hours. Remove from the fridge and let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

2. Remove meat from marinade; discard marinade. Thread steak, shrimp, zucchini, cherry tomatoes and onions onto 8 metal skewers.

3. Spray grill with Pam Grilling Spray; heat to medium-high heat. Grill skewers, basting occasionally with remaining honey garlic sauce, turning once, until meat is medium-rare and shrimp are opaque, about 12 minutes. Make sure to keep grill covered when not basting.

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Five ways to choose an employer

As a student or recent graduate who wants to hatch a career in insurance, it can be tempting to apply to any and all insurance employers that are hiring. But not every employer offers the same experience. Here are five strategies for choosing the insurance employer that is right for you:

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Looking for a place to fold your umbrella and drop your briefcase? There are a few things to consider first. ISTOCK



Company size

There are more than 200 employers in the insurance industry, some with more than 5,000 employees and some with as few as five employees. They operate in major cities, like Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, and in small towns across the country. Company size may be a consideration for you if you're looking for a close-knit family environment (smaller) or the opportunity to work in a number of different departments and locations (larger). Many insurance employers will mention how many employees they have on their TalentEgg profile, LinkedIn profile or on their corporate website in the About Us or Careers sections.

Insurance niches

Insurance can cover everything from vehicles and homes to health and pets, casinos and churches, and everything in between. While many of the large insurance companies offer a wide variety of insurance policies, there are some that specialize in certain industries or types of risk.

If your experience, expertise or interest lies in one of those areas, it may help you narrow down which employer to start your career with.

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As an aspiring insurance professional, you're probably eager to put a few letters after your name, such as CIP, CAIB or CRM, just to name a few (that's Chartered Insurance Professional, Canadian Accredited Insurance Broker or Canadian Risk Management for those not in the know). Perhaps you even want to pursue an MBA or post-graduate certificate related to insurance part-time while you work. No matter what your professional development plans are, it's essential that your employer is, at the very least, morally supportive of your endeavours.

Community work and social responsibility

At the end of the day, insurance companies are for-profit businesses and many of them are very profitable — it's one of the reasons why the insurance industry is such a stable place to start a career.

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Current employees are invaluable sources of information. After all, they already know exactly what it's like to work for their employer and can tell you everything you won't find in a job listing or corporate website. Plus, if you get along well with some of the people who already work there, chances are you'll have no trouble fitting in. Meet insurance professionals on your campus. Real insurance professionals working for dozens of different employers often volunteer their time to speak with students about career opportunities in the industry.

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GOLF GUIDE

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It's worth the drive

Destinations. The Maritimes offers some of the best golf courses in Canada and the world

RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

With Canada having the highest per capita participation in golf in the world, it's not surprising we have a good variety of courses to choose from in the Maritimes.

In Halifax, Glen Arbour is widely considered to be the top course. The Graham Cooke-designed course played host to the Telus World Skins Game last year and hosted an LPGA event in 2005.

A little further away, Cape Breton has become a must-visit golfing destination.

"Cape Breton has done a wonderful job marketing itself as a golf destination," says David Campbell, the executive director of the Nova Scotia

Golf Association.

The island has acclaimed courses such as the Highlands Links, Bell Bay Golf Club and Cabot Links.

This September, the Lakes Golf Club will serve as the host of the Cape Breton Celtic Classic, a PGA Tour Canada event.

"It's going to bring a lot of notoriety and a lot of great players to the province to really showcase the sport here in Nova Scotia," Campbell says.

In New Brunswick, Fox Creek Golf Club, located in Dieppe, has generated rave reviews since opening in 2005. The traditional-style course was designed by Cooke and measures more than 6,900 yards from the tips.

"We get a lot of (people saying it's the) best course



The Fox Creek Golf Club, located in Dieppe, N.B., has generated rave reviews since opening in 2005. CONTRIBUTED

they've ever played and we get people from all over the world," says Eddy Arsenault, Fox Creek's events co-ordinator.

Prince Edward Island is particularly well-known for the accessibility its golf courses

offer. According to the website golfpei.ca, there are 32 courses within a one-hour drive of each other.

While P.E.I. enjoys a great reputation for its beaches, weather and seafood, its golf courses are an added bonus.

"I've been to some great golf destinations (elsewhere), but there wasn't much to do after the golf," says Ron MacNeill, the executive director of the Prince Edward Island Golf Association.

One of the island's better

known courses is the Links at Crowbush Cove, which was honoured as Canada's best new course in 1994 by Golf Digest. It has also been ranked as the sixth-best course in the country by SCORE Golf Magazine.



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RICHARD WOODBURY
For Metro

Value is one of the words that comes to mind when talking about green fees these days.

"The price of the green fees are very competitive and haven't grown as much as the cost of gas and other expenses that the golf course incurs," says David Campbell, the executive director of the Nova Scotia Golf Association.

He says the cost of green fees at many Nova Scotia courses is within \$10 of what they were 10 to 15 years ago.

Understanding the reasons behind today's great deals requires a bit of a history lesson.

In the late 1990s and early 2000s, many courses were built to meet the growing popularity of golf. This growth in popularity stemmed from factors such as Tiger Woods becoming a dominant player, as well as success by Canadian talent like Mike Weir and Prince Edward Island native Lorie Kane.

The boom in golf course construction tapped into people's growing appetites for golf. That appetite has cooled in recent years, resulting in an intense competition amongst golf courses to attract golfers. In any case, it's a winning situation for golfers.

Across the Maritimes, there have been few new golf courses built in recent years.

"Since Fox Creek (Golf Club) came along in 2005,



The sluggish growth of the game is resulting in intense competition to attract golfers. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

there's been no major golf course development in New Brunswick," says Jeffrey Hutt, the manager of marketing for Golf NB.

It's a similar story in Prince Edward Island. During the last five years, one course expanded to 18 holes from nine, but outside of that, no new courses have been built, says Ron MacNeill, the executive director of the Prince Edward Island Golf Association.

Some new courses have opened, or will be opening, in Nova Scotia. Cape Breton's acclaimed Cabot Links partially opened in 2011 and the full 18 opened in 2012.

Closer to Halifax, the Links at Brunello is scheduled to open in July 2015. The 18-hole, 7,100-yard course is part of the Brunello Estates housing development, located

near Exit 3 on Highway 103.

As well, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course called For-

est Lakes Country Club in Ardoise is currently under development.



The cost of green fees at many Nova Scotia courses is within \$10 of what they were 10 to 15 years ago. PHOTOOBJECTS.NET/THINKSTOCK

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**JASON
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For Metro

The stereotype of golf may be one that's old and white. But that perception is rapidly changing and this season's fairways will be infused with a palette of vibrant hues, explained the man behind the styles at Golf Town.

"The big thing is colour," said Alex Yandryk, vice-president, divisional merchandise manager — softlines for Golf Town. "Some are very bright and some are just bright."

"Plaid is a tradition that continues to appeal to golfers," he added. "There are those who choose the traditional two-colour plain and some who are attracted to the very fashionable five-colour plaid styles."

Players young and old

alike are moving towards incorporating colour in their wardrobes, although Yandryk admitted there is a difference.

"The older players ... they may not be dressing in neon green, but they're still wearing green," he said.

Styles have changed over generations and younger golfers tend to prefer something that is a little more snug.

"Fit is a big part of today's style," he said. "More of the younger consumers are looking for that modern fit — what can be called a European fit — and are attracted to certain sleeves that will give that look."

"Many people are looking for that 1960s, JFK-type look."

But the people who were actually around during the 1960s?

"The older players tend to want something that's a little more room and gives them freedom of movement,"



Golfers young and old alike are moving towards incorporating colour in their wardrobes. GEORGE DOYLE/STOCKBYTE/THINKSTOCK

Yandryk said. "For women, either skorts or knee-shorts are popular," he added. "The bottom line in women's wear is stretch fabrics to make the piece comfortable."

Gone are the days of Panama hats and wide brims, Yandryk said. "Every golfer is using the baseball-style caps. The trend is towards lightweight and breathability, but

still getting that sun coverage."

And going from head to toe, not much has changed in golf shoe preference. The focus, instead, is on weight.

"The spikeless trend is

still doing a lot of business," Yandryk said. "Manufacturers are looking at ways to make shoes more lightweight."

"In shoes it's about minimalist and low profile."

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For Metro

The hottest gadgets on the links this year will tell you how far you are from the hole and how you are trying to get there — but they still haven't created a gadget that will tell you how to get the perfect swing.

According to Collin Tyron, buyer — accessories and balls for Golf Town, the two most popular gadgets on the market are GPS watches and swing analyzers. GPS golf technology has really taken off over the past three years and the watches started becoming must-haves over Christmas.

"Basically, they're like a hand-held GPS that will tell you how far you are from the green, bunkers, and hazards," Tyron said.

"It gives golfers information that they wouldn't have otherwise. And for those who know how far they can hit a club, it can help.

"It's not going to help you hit a better shot, but it might help you hit the right shot."

The watches are Timex/Ironman-style and run between \$149 and \$349, he said.

Since the beginning of the golf season, swing analyzers have really taken off.

"It's all tied to apps," Tyron said. "They can let you see the swing in 3-D and even offer swing tips. As you swing, the information is relayed back to the app and will show you how you're swinging."

It's not just the pros who can benefit from these technologies, Tyron said.

"Swing analyzers started out as for the golfer who plays a lot. Now, more and more people who want to improve their game are getting them."

The swing analyzers run between \$149 and \$249, he said.

While golf ball technology hasn't changed dramatically this year, Tyron explained

GPS watches

"It's not going to help you hit a better shot, but it might help you hit the right shot."

Collin Tyron, buyer — accessories and balls for Golf Town

manufacturers are becoming a little more gender neutral in their presentations.

"More vendors are coming out and bridging the gap," he said. "They're not saying that this is a men's ball or a women's ball. They're now saying that if your swing speed falls within a certain range, you should use this ball."

And while pink and blue may be passé, a new colour is coming to the fore.

"When it comes to golf balls in general, yellow is pretty popular," Tyron said. "It's just easier to see."

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Golfers are always trying out new gadgets to improve their game. THOMAS NORTHCUT/DIGITAL VISION/THINKSTOCK

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Halifax Mooseheads forward Stefan Fournier, left, is blocked out from in front of the net as Rouyn-Noranda Huskies goaltender Alexandre Belanger looks on.
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More OT heroics for Mooseheads

Round 3. Drouin pots winner as Halifax one win away from QMJHL finals



ANDREW RANKIN

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Jonathan Drouin has put the Halifax Mooseheads in firm control of yet another series.

The 17-year-old forward ended Game 3 against the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies with just under four minutes left in the first overtime period as he scored to give the Herd a 3-2 victory at the Iamgold Arena on Tuesday night before 3,052 loud and jubilant fans.

"They came out really hard and we were expecting that. In this little rink it's really tough to start off but

we responded really well because we stuck to the game plan," said Mooseheads goalie Zachary Fucale, who made 22 saves. "In the end we worked hard and we deserved the win. It was so much fun."

Drouin finally provided the dagger on a perfect pass in the slot from Nathan MacKinnon.

With the win, Halifax takes a commanding 3-0 lead in their best-of-seven semifinal series, with Game 4 slated for Thursday night in Rouyn-Noranda.

"These past two games have been really tough games

to play but we kept going in the second period and we never got frustrated," said Mooseheads forward Brent Andrews, as Halifax beat the Huskies in overtime for the second straight game. "We've learned through so much experience how to win these kinds of games. Our maturity is showing right now."

Similar to Sunday's game, Halifax dominated the play in the final two periods and were eventually rewarded as Mooseheads forward Stefan Fournier broke a 1-1 tie with just under nine minutes left in regulation time.

By the numbers

3-0

For the third straight series, Halifax has jumped to a 3-0 series lead. The first two series ended in sweeps.

Thanks to great goaltending by Alexandre Belanger, the Huskies hung on until Francis Perron scored the equalizer with 3:52 remaining.

Konrad Abeltshauser rounded out the scoring for the Herd, which outshot the Huskies 49-24, including 11-1 in OT. Marcus Power also scored for the Huskies midway through the second.

Abeltshauser, who won the infamous fur coat as the Mooseheads' game MVP, couldn't have been happier with the way things turned out.

"I'm really happy with the win and the goal, especially since I had a big turnover that led to the first goal," Abeltshauser said. "I wanted to try really hard to get us back in the game and I got a great feed from Brendan and I just put it in. We ended up with the win."

Elsewhere in the QMJHL

Drakkar move ahead of Armada

Xavier Ouellet had a goal and an assist as the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada blanked the visiting Baie-Comeau Drakkar 3-0 in Game 3 of their best-of-seven QMJHL semifinal on Tuesday night before 3,500 fans.

With the win, the Armada

now trail in the series 2-1, with Game 4 going on Wednesday night.

Ryan Tesnik and Christopher Clapperton had the other goals for the Armada, who scored single markers in every period.

Etienne Marcoux stopped 17 shots for the shutout. The Armada finished with 36 shots on goal.

Game 3 was a physical one, with more than 100 penalty minutes issued. **METRO**

NHL

Shaw inks three-year deal with Florida Panthers

Glance Bay's Logan Shaw hopes to etch out a career with the Florida Panthers, and took the first steps in that plan by signing a contract with the NHL club.

Shaw signed a three-year, entry-level deal with the Panthers, executive vice-president and general manager Dale Tallon announced on Monday. He was drafted by Florida in the third round, No. 76 overall, in the 2011 NHL Entry Draft.

"I didn't want my junior career to end that way, that's for sure," said Shaw, whose Quebec Remparts were eliminated in the second round of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League playoffs. "But I came home and my agent called and said they had a contract available for me. It was a pretty good contract, so I couldn't turn that down. I wasn't really expecting it, so for me to get it, I was pretty pleased."

"I worked hard all year and it's nice for it to start paying off, but it's just the beginning of hopefully a long career."

The 20-year-old posted career highs in goals (26), assists (42) and points (68) and finished a team-best plus-30 in 67 games with the Remparts this season.

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NBL Canada

Haywood named top Canadian

Joey Haywood of the Halifax Rainmen has been named the National Basketball League of Canada's top Canadian player for a second-straight season.

The Rainmen guard finished second in team scoring with more than 14 points per game.

The league, which announced its year-end awards on Tuesday, also gave Quinell Brown of the Rainmen a second-team all-star selection. **METRO**

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"We were always hungry and we always believed that the win would come."

Mooseheads goalie Zach Fucale



Washington Capitals forward Jason Chimera, right, celebrates his goal with Mathieu Perreault against the Winnipeg Jets on Tuesday in Washington. The Capitals won 5-3, clinching the Southeast Division title in the process.
NICK WASS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington caps major turnaround

NHL. Capitals win Southeast Division title with victory over Jets; Winnipeg's playoff hopes on life-support

On Tuesday

5

Capitals

3

Jets

Considering how they started, it's quite the achievement that the Washington Capitals got to the playoffs with time to spare.

The Capitals clinched the Southeast Division title Tuesday night, completing a stark turnaround in a lockout-shortened season with a 5-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets.

The Capitals blew a two-goal lead, survived a pair of replay reviews and exhaled deeply when defencemen John Erskine cleared two shots off the goal-line. They

also had to kill off a power play with a one-goal lead late in the game, but they held on to win for the 10th time in 11 games and secure a post-season berth with two games remaining.

Alex Ovechkin scored his league-leading 31st goal — an empty-netter in the final minute — and Matt Hendricks, Jason Chimera, Nicklas Backstrom and Mathieu Perreault also scored, while Braden Holtby made 24 saves. The Capitals were next-to-last

in the Eastern Conference as recently as March 21, but Ovechkin and first-year coach Adam Oates have led them to the playoffs for the sixth consecutive season, a run that includes five Southeast titles.

As the winner of the division — albeit the weakest division in the NHL — Washington will leapfrog several teams with better records and enter the playoffs as the conference's No. 3 seed.

The loss keeps the Jets in ninth place in the East, one spot away from the playoffs but with slim chances of moving up because they have only one game remaining. The Ottawa Senators, in eighth place at the start of Tuesday's play, have three games left.

Evander Kane, Blake Wheeler and Nik Antropov scored for the Jets.

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NBA

Heat catch fire early in 4th quarter

Dwyane Wade scored 21 points, LeBron James finished with 19 and the Miami Heat beat the Milwaukee Bucks 98-86 in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday.

The Heat scored the first 12 points of the fourth quarter to pull away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Knicks go ahead 2-0 in series against Celtics

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points, Sixth Man of the Year J.R. Smith added 19, and the New York Knicks opened a 2-0 lead over the Boston Celtics with an 87-71 victory on Tuesday night.

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MLB

Orioles handles Dickey's knuckler

Manny Machado had two hits and two RBIs, and the Baltimore Orioles used a four-run second inning to beat R.A. Dickey and the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 Tuesday night.

Dickey (2-3) gave up four runs, six hits and five walks in six innings.

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NBA

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)

(Miami leads series 2-0)

Tuesday's result

Miami 98 Milwaukee 86

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)

(New York leads series 2-0)

Tuesday's result

New York 87 Boston 71

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)

(Indiana leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's game

Atlanta at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Series tied 1-1)

Monday's result

Chicago 90 Brooklyn 82

Thursday's game

Brooklyn at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS HOUSTON (8)

(Oklahoma City leads series 1-0)

Wednesday's game

Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS L.A. LAKERS (7)

(San Antonio leads series 1-0)

Sunday's result

San Antonio 91 L.A. Lakers 79

Wednesday's game

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(Denver leads series 1-0)

Tuesday's result

Golden State at Denver

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(L.A. Clippers leads series 2-0)

Monday's result

L.A. Clippers 93 Memphis 91

Thursday's game

L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
z-Pittsburgh	46	35	11	0	0	155	113	70
dx-Boston	45	27	13	2	3	125	102	59
y-Washington	46	26	18	2	0	145	126	54
x-Montreal	46	27	14	3	2	141	123	59
x-Toronto	45	25	15	0	5	138	124	55
x-NY Islanders	46	24	16	4	2	137	135	54
Ottawa	45	23	16	2	4	109	99	52
NY Rangers	46	24	18	0	4	122	109	52
Winnipeg	47	24	20	0	3	126	140	51
New Jersey	46	18	18	3	7	109	123	46
Buffalo	47	20	21	2	4	123	142	46
Philadelphia	46	21	22	1	2	129	139	45
Carolina	46	19	24	1	2	122	148	41
Tampa Bay	45	17	24	1	3	140	141	38
Florida	46	14	26	5	1	107	164	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
z-Chicago	45	34	6	0	5	147	97	73
y-Anaheim	46	29	11	3	3	134	112	64
y-Vancouver	46	26	13	1	6	124	111	59
x-Los Angeles	46	26	15	1	4	129	113	57
St. Louis	46	27	17	1	1	122	113	56
San Jose	45	24	14	3	4	118	109	55
Minnesota	46	25	18	1	2	118	120	53
Columbus	46	22	17	3	4	114	117	51
Detroit	45	21	16	3	5	113	112	50
Dallas	45	22	19	3	1	127	133	48
Phoenix	45	19	18	3	5	114	122	46
Calgary	46	19	23	1	3	126	153	42
Edmonton	45	17	21	4	3	111	127	41
Nashville	46	16	21	3	6	108	131	41

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Tuesday's results

Buffalo 4 Pittsburgh 2
Carolina 4 NY Islanders 3 (SO)
Florida 3 NY Rangers 2
Minnesota 2 Los Angeles 1
Nashville 4 Calgary 3
New Jersey 3 Montreal 2
Philadelphia 5 Boston 2
St. Louis 3 Colorado 1
Washington 5 Winnipeg 3
Dallas at San Jose

Monday's late results

Anaheim 3 Edmonton 0
Vancouver 3 Chicago 1

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	13	7	.650	—
Baltimore	12	8	.600	1
New York	11	8	.579	1½
Tampa Bay	9	11	.450	4
Toronto	8	13	.381	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	10	7	.588	—
Minnesota	9	8	.529	1
Detroit	9	9	.500	1½
Cleveland	8	10	.444	2½
Chicago	7	12	.368	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	6	.684	—
Oakland	13	8	.619	1
Los Angeles	7	11	.389	5½
Seattle	8	14	.364	6½
Houston	6	14	.300	7½

Tuesday's results

Baltimore 4 Toronto 3
Houston 3 Seattle 2
Minnesota 4-5 Miami 3-8
N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 3
Oakland 13 Boston 0 (7 innings)
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox (ppd., rain)
Kansas City at Detroit (ppd., rain)
Texas at L.A. Angels

Wednesday's games

All Times Eastern

Toronto at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 2:10 p.m.
Oakland at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results

Atlanta 4 Colorado 3
Pittsburgh 2 Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 2 Washington 0
L.A. Dodgers 7 N.Y. Mets 2
Chicago Cubs 4 Cincinnati 2 (10 innings)
Atlanta 10 Colorado 2
Milwaukee at San Diego
Arizona at San Francisco

NHL. Flyers, Philly show they're Boston Strong



The Bruins' Jaromir Jagr, left, and Wayne Simmonds of the Flyers battle for the puck on Tuesday in Philadelphia. GETTY IMAGES

Matt Read and Oliver Lauridsen scored goals seven seconds apart to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Tuesday night.

Scott Hartnell, former Halifax Moosehead Jakub Voracek and Simon Gagne also scored for the Flyers, who failed to make the playoffs this season.

Wade Redden and David Krejci had goals for the Bruins. The Bruins are second in the Eastern Conference and lead the Northeast Division, though the Bruins and

the Montreal Canadiens both have 59 points. New Jersey beat Montreal 3-2 on Tuesday night.

The Flyers paid tribute to Boston in the Bruins' first road game since the Boston Marathon bombings. The Flyers showed a message on the video board that read, "From One Tough Town to Another." They also had video images of four blue-yellow ribbons that said, "Boston Strong," on each faceoff circle.

There was a pregame video set to Carry On by fun. that in-

cluded clips of marathon first responders and other rescue personnel.

Flyers fans stood and cheered, and players from both teams banged their sticks against the boards when the pregame tribute ended.

Then Philadelphia pitched in with its wallets. The 50/50 raffle that usually supports Philadelphia charities went to onefundboston.org. The Flyers ended the 50-50 with \$85,595 last shown on the board. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Design

The first thing you notice about the RLX is its handsome sheet metal. The car's Honda roots are definitely showing, but it easily beats the rest of Acura's sedan fleet when it comes to appearance. Perhaps surprisingly, its overall dimensions — length, width and height — differ only slightly from the RL.



The 3.5-litre V6 engine

Weight

The rigid body structure uses considerable amounts of high-strength steel that, combined with numerous aluminum body panels, helps keep the car below the 1,820-kilogram mark. That's roughly 45 kilograms lighter than the RL.

Engine

The RLX clings to its V6 roots by using a 310-horsepower 3.5-litre unit that produces 272 pound-feet of torque. By comparison, the RL's 3.7-litre V6 made 300 horsepower and 271 pound-feet of torque. The engine prefers premium fuel, but the RLX is rated at 10.5 l/100 km in the city and 6.4 on the highway.

Review. RLX's 'takaburi' all begins with a wild set of headlights

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"Takaburi" is the word Acura's project leader Yousuke Sekino uses in describing the 2014 RLX sedan. It means "exhilarating" in Japanese and if any car in Honda's premium division fits that description, this is it.

Acura has been noticeably bereft of a truly top-level flagship model with that 'takaburi' feeling for some time. The long-in-the-tooth RL sedan that resembled a slightly enlarged Accord from two generations ago never really cut it with those seeking flash and dash.

The replacement RLX, arriving by early spring, likely won't pry anyone from their status-mobiles models displaying three-pointed stars, interconnected rings or airplane-propeller logos. But at least Acura offers some com-

elling reasons for having the valet gang park one for you in its assigned stall.

The RLX's more aggressively styled front fenders, smoothed-out grille and unique multi-reflector headlight pods contribute to a distinctly premium look.

Much of the between-the-wheels increase gives the RLX an impressive amount of rear-seat legroom that puts its key Japanese and German competitors to shame.

The rest of the interior also impresses, with an elegant dashboard and control-panel layout, inviting and supportive leather-covered seats and a floor console that can be opened from the driver or passenger's side.

Although not obvious in flat-out driving, the RLX certainly feels poised and precise in tight turns and provides a no-sweat experience when braking at high speeds.

The RLX arrives with an abundance of people-pampering content, but you will need to shell out more than the \$50,000 base price to add



The RLX's interior fits well and is neat and tidy. The centre console can be opened from the left or the right.

a number of collision-mitigating features, the navigation system, premium leather package and your choice of two high-end audio systems.

The RLX is a giant leap forward for Acura and is comparable to more established luxury brands in style and content, with a smidgen of "takaburi" tossed in for good measure.



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Designers to China: You have our attention

Autopilot. The huge Chinese vehicle market will, inevitably, influence what ends up on our roads



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The Shanghai motor show on this week further confirms the importance of the Chinese market to today's global auto-makers.

They showed up in droves bearing metaphorical boxes of chocolates and actual concepts and production cars. And why wouldn't they?

Good to be big

China is by far the single largest vehicle market in the world — selling more than 20 million units a year. The next biggest market, the U.S., is about 15 million. GM sells more vehicles in China (about 2.8 million) than it does in America.

Size is just one thing. Potential is another. In the U.S. there



The Nissan Friend-ME debuted at this week's Shanghai auto show to possibly woo the world's largest cohort — the 240 million (mostly male) Chinese born in the 1980s, known as the "Balinghou." HANDOUT

are currently 800 cars for every 1,000 people. That's one saturated market. In China, it's currently about 50 to 80 vehicles per every 1,000 people. That's upside with hot sauce. In five years China's annual market is expected to top 35 million units.

It's a free for all

And what's making auto-makers even more crazy about

China is that the market is still up for grabs. No dominant player. Lots of domestic and foreign players investing in production and retail facilities. Lots of current and future segment races to be won and lost.

Driving the design bus

Net result: A massive amount of intellectual and monetary design capital is being focused on China at the moment, and

that will reverberate across all global markets.

This is not to say that the Chinese market will darken the design light in other markets, only that what's going on in China will surely influence global design trends. There's no way it can't.

At the very least, we here in the North American market get to "yea or nay" automotive designs that are already fleshed

out and/or contemplated for China.

Take for example the Nissan Friend-ME concept, which had its world debut at Shanghai. Nissan says it has been expressly designed to appeal to the world's largest single market demographic — the approximately 240 million Chinese born in the 1980s, tagged as the "Balinghou."

Because of China's "one

child" policy, the majority of the Balinghou demographic are males without siblings. They are in their mid-20s now and ready to buy. (They might be somewhat over parented too, but let's not go there today.)

"Clearly, their tastes will shape automotive trends worldwide for decades to come," said Nissan's product strategy chief, Francois Bancon, in a press release.

Because they grew up without siblings, and leisure time with peers is treasured, Nissan figured the Friend-ME could give these Balinghou males a private-yet-connected space to hang out with peers, and a "balanced" design that allows them to "stand out" and "fit in" at the same time. And speaking to China's growing urbanity, another aim of the design is to be a "confident creature of the night, meant to be seen in bright city lights."

I don't know how much you, or I, have in common with a 20-something male in China, who has no siblings but loads of personal and familial expectations, but if you watch automotive design over the next few years, we might find out.

Complex car components can be costly

Driving force. Auto parts: The more they make, the less they cost

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A car may be expensive to buy, but it's also expensive to build. In addition to the cost of raw materials, plant overhead and labour, auto-makers also have to consider the design and development of each component.

"Before we stamp out the first part, there are significant costs associated with design, product validation, capital equipment and tooling that must be paid for up front, or agreed to be amortized across the production run," says Patrick Kinsie, executive director of global business development for Multimatic Inc., which makes various parts for several auto companies.

While simple parts will have relatively smaller

Quoted

"There are companies that run profits making a handful of hand-built engines, but they charge a much higher price for them."

Patrick Kinsie, executive director of global business development for Multimatic Inc..

start-up costs, the price for complex ones can be astronomical. Developing a completely new engine or transmission can be as much as \$500 million to \$1 billion.

Car companies spread these enormous costs over volume production, including numerous variants. An engine design may stick around for some 15 years, with engineers creating new or differently-sized engines based on its architecture. There will still be considerable cost involved for these, but it will be much less than starting from scratch.

Vehicle platforms are designed so they can be used

to create several new models with common components, spreading the initial cost and recouping it as soon as possible.

Depending on the part, automakers may produce it in-house or work with independent suppliers. There are many ways these companies work together, including the car manufacturer handing over a production-ready design for the supplier to build, or providing the size and performance requirements and having the supplier design and develop it, known in the trade as full black-box design.

New designs are initially made into prototypes to make sure they'll work properly, and if they're structural, they will need to be crash-tested. Once the parts are validated, expensive dies are made to stamp them out in large quantities.

"There are companies that run profits making a handful of hand-built engines, but they charge a much higher price for

Methods used

Automakers often use generic parts from suppliers for much of their hardware, such as window motors or trunk hinges, but use proprietary parts for differentiation in powertrain and design.

• **Working together.** Some car companies work jointly on major projects, such as the "world engines" designed by Chrysler, Hyundai and Mitsubishi, spreading the cost of the basic architecture.

• **Standards.** Global vehicles sold in Canada must meet federal requirements, including safety standards, metric instruments and bilingual labels and manuals, which add to their cost.



The production line at parts company Multimatic Inc. PHOTO FROM MULTIMATIC INC.

them," Kinsie says. "In a mainstream vehicle, the automaker will want to make it in the millions to get that unit amortization down to a reasonable level."



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Mazda's warning system helps you toe the line

Futuristic. Handy camera-aided lane departure safety feature gives driver extra piece of mind

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When you're driving, even a moment's inattention can be dangerous or even deadly. Drivers always have a responsibility to focus on the task, but many automakers add an extra measure of safety with several devices, including Mazda's lane departure warning system.

"It's a camera-based system that visually detects the lane markings," says Sandra

Lemaitre, national manager of public relations for Mazda Canada. "It looks for white lines, continuous or dotted, and works on pattern recognition."

Mounted on the inside of the windshield at the base of the rear-view mirror, the camera looks ahead, just as the driver does. When it "sees" a white line, the system compares it to the patterns in its program, confirming that it is

the correct width and length to actually be a line. The system works at speeds above 65 km/h.

If the driver slowly veers out of the lane, the system will sound a warning. Depending on how the driver has set the selectable warning, this will sound either when the car gets close to the white line, or actually touches it. The warning can also be chosen by the driv-

er: either a beep, or a digital sound profile that mimics the sound of tires going over rumble strips. Depending on which side of the car crosses the line, the rumble strip sound will come out of the left or right stereo speaker, overriding any music that's playing.

The warning system is designed to identify inattention, rather than intent. It will not warn if the driver has the turn signal on, or if he or she moves

the wheel sharply. "It will determine that you did this on purpose," Lemaitre says. "It's looking for a pattern of behaviour that indicates inattention. If I'm not paying attention, or perhaps falling asleep, I'll tend to slowly drift out of my lane."

The windshield-mounted camera is part of Mazda's i-ActivSense system, which also uses radar and lasers for technologies that will adjust the cruise control speed when following other vehicles, turn the high-beam headlights on or off, warn an inattentive driver if a car has stopped ahead, and at low speeds, brake the vehicle if necessary to avoid a collision. "All of the technologies are there to aid the driver, not be in place of the driver," Lemaitre says. "We're a driver's brand so we don't want to automate the driving experience."

Quoted

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Sandra Lemaitre, national manager of public relations for Mazda Canada
On the new lane departure system.



This icon will appear if you veer out of your lane. ALL PHOTOS JIL MCINTOSH



The system is included in the above 2014 Mazda model.

Differences

- Some lane departure systems will apply brake pressure on one side of the vehicle, guiding it back into the lane if the driver does not take action when warned.
- Depending on the auto manufacturer, the sensors or cameras for lane departure warning systems may be in the side mirrors or front grille.



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Think before you act and resist the urge to be provocative. You may think you can get away with just about anything but that isn't true, and will be even less true as the week goes on.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You would like to make an intelligent assessment of a situation but how can you when the facts are confusing? Don't worry. A few days from now everything will be clear and you'll know what to do.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Today's link between Jupiter in your sign and your ruling planet Mercury will encourage you to see things in a more open and optimistic fashion. Life is as good as you want to make it, today and every day.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Take care when dealing with people in positions of power because some of them are in a touchy mood. Wherever possible, keep a distance between you.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may have strong opinions about certain issues but if you are smart, you won't make a big deal of them. Even if facts and figures are on your side just keep quiet and let others argue among themselves.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will say too much today. With your ruler Mercury nicely linked to Jupiter, planet of excess, you just can't keep your mouth shut. And why should you when you're right?

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

According to the planets, you are in the mood to say and do things that shock. That's OK but make sure you know what the possible consequences could be, especially the financial consequences.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be feeling quietly confident about your chances but if you are wise you won't take anything for granted over the next 48 hours.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Honesty is your best policy today, even if it means telling a friend something they may not want to hear. Jupiter, your ruler, will help you say it in a way that doesn't hurt their feelings.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

If it feels right to make a snap decision today then do so. Even if you are acting on limited information there is every chance you will reach the right conclusion, and maybe hit the jackpot financially too.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You need to make a decision about your work but you are torn between two different approaches. How do you resolve this dilemma? A second opinion will help you establish your own opinion.

♓ Pisces

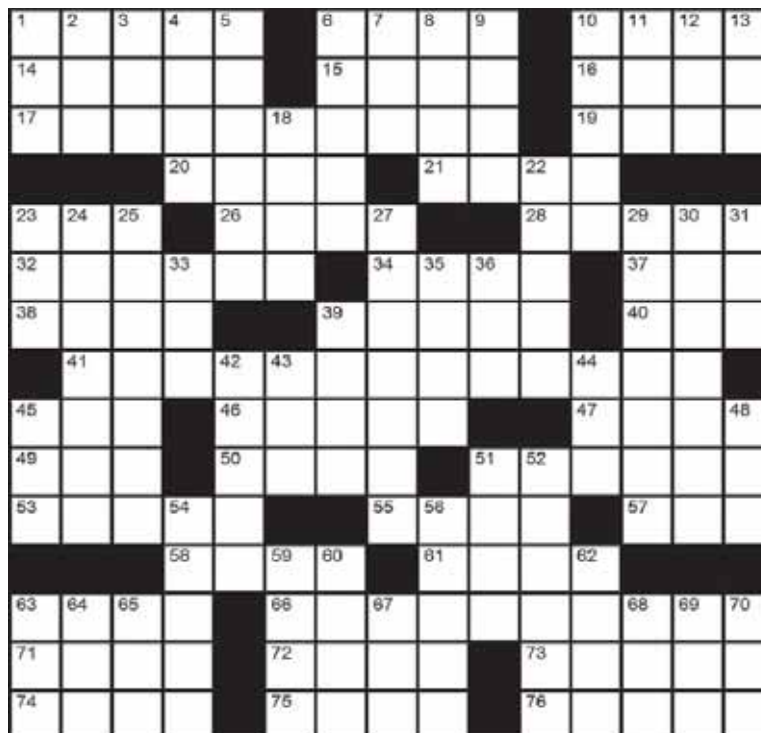
Feb. 20 - March 20

You will need to put on a brave face, especially if you get news that seems to be the opposite of what you were hoping to hear. The key word there is "seems", because most likely it is good news. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "___ I Say" by Ray Charles
6. Cooking amt.
10. Shania Twain's "I ___ No Quitter"
14. "Well, golly!!"
15. Competed, ___ race
16. Middy
17. Movie reviewer: 2 wds.
19. Fair
20. Gull-like bird
21. Money in Mexico
23. World Series org.
26. Finales
28. ___, Oklahoma
32. Tenner, in time
34. Scotch stuff; it's sticky
37. Job, for short
38. Chat
39. "Rio" band, when doubled
40. Rocker Mr. Adams, to pals
41. Who writes Metro's In Focus column?: 2 wds.
45. 6's phone letters
46. Ornamental containers
47. Base
49. Eggs come in one [abbr.]
50. San ___, Italy
51. Fabric softener brand
53. Fashion mag
55. Unaccompanied



57. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
58. Drawn dog
61. Dove sounds
63. Canadian telecom company
66. On-camera acting audition: 2 wds.
71. Seed's protector
72. 'Bul' add-on

- (Country in Europe)
 73. "Best ___ Had" by Drake
 74. Count on
 75. Trevor ___ (Tony-winning Cats director)
 76. Antique-style water carriers
- Down**
1. Panda-symbol org.

2. Masses, with Polloi
3. Pointy tool
4. Canadian coffee chain, affectionately
5. Like some backyards
6. Set of three
7. Ghost's pet
8. Cut
9. Walking speed

10. Variety of pear
11. Promise to pay
12. Yeses opposites
13. AC/DC song: "___"
18. Written symbol of yore
22. Shorthand, shortly
23. Summer hrs. in Alberta

24. Foo Fighters song: "___ Fly"
25. CFL players in the West: acronym + wd.
27. MGM and Paramount, and others
29. East Coast catch
30. Newfoundland rum
31. 'Delic' suffix
33. US dog org.
35. Bows
36. ___ excellence
39. Snare, for one
42. Bible king
43. 'Passion' suffix
44. Function
45. 1200 in ancient Rome
48. Tip to 'pia' (Near-sightedness)
51. Ice mass
52. Canuck coin
54. Canadian actress Ms. Parker
56. "Caribbean Queen" singer Billy
59. "This ___ unexpected surprise!"
60. Light brown
62. K-___ ('Twilight' flicks actress, nicknamed)
63. Chocolate ___
64. Earlier, olde-style
65. Abner of comics
67. Tin Tin's lead-in
68. Adam and ___
69. Religious address, briefly
70. Mr. Knight's, formerly of "Grey's Anatomy"

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Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	3	1	2	5	4	8	7	6
2	4	8	7	6	1	5	9	3
6	5	7	9	3	8	1	2	4
1	7	2	6	9	5	4	3	8
3	8	6	4	1	2	9	5	7
5	9	4	8	7	3	2	6	1
7	6	5	1	4	9	3	8	2
4	2	3	5	8	7	6	1	9
8	1	9	3	2	6	7	4	5

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		4				1	5	7
		2		9	4			
		6	5					

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